

Release of Allied Paper Landfill Feasibility Study, Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site, Michigan

Press Interest/Coverage: no coverage yet

EPA intends to release the feasibility study for the Allied Paper Landfill to the public on January 13, 2014. The feasibility study evaluates several different cleanup options for the landfill, ranging from consolidation and capping (\$41 million) to complete removal (\$189 million), but does not recommend any particular option. EPA favors consolidation and capping because it is a protective and cost-effective remedy, while the city of Kalamazoo and various other public groups insist that complete removal of the waste is the only acceptable cleanup option. EPA has made a commitment to conduct extensive community engagement work prior to issuing a proposed cleanup plan for the landfill. EPA provided tours of the site for the mayor and other local groups in the summer and fall of 2013, and public availability sessions to discuss the cleanup alternatives under consideration are planned for February and March 2014.

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